GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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UNAUTHORISED VENDORS AT STATIONS/TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether unathorised vendors create difficulties for passengers at platforms and in trains and incidents of theft also take place due to presence of unauthorised vendors in trains and at platforms;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check unauthorised vendors at platforms and in trains; and

(c) the extent of success achieved by the Government in its efforts?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir. It is a fact that unauthorised vendors create difficulties for passengers. However, incidents of theft by unauthorized vendors have not come to notice.

(b): Unauthorised vending / hawking is an offence under the provision of Section 144 of the Railways Act, 1989. To eradicate the nuisance of unauthorised vending / hawking causing inconvenience to the passengers, regular drives are being conducted against them in co-ordination with Commercial Staff and Government Railway Police personnel.

(c): During the year 2004, upto September, 65,331 persons were prosecuted under section 144 of the Railways Act, 1989 and 60,739 persons were convicted for unauthorised vending and an amount of Rs.1,58,04,537/- was realised as fine.